

FUGITIVE FANCIES.

THE IDEAL.

In mid ocean sail a vessel
With golden freightage laden;
Ports not at anchor in the bay,
And a most delightful maiden.

But upon its golden pennant
In this and that "Never"
And though countless "Never" it bears,
It sails on forever!

THE FAIR.

All about her people and head,
On the type of her hair,
And thinks of days that are dead,
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She's with her first love lower now,
By the moon-veiled shore the lingers,
And listens again to her vow:
See! I puff steady over her brow!

THE CRYSTAL.

Near dark and stagnant pool
Where the air is deathly cool;
There his coffin hovers still,
From the poison water free.

Snakes and lizards shall surround
His foul web-compacted mound
And a soft of greenish tint
Shall cloud the hoary and dim.

Such things that mound appear,
Fashioned like a story more,
Than any great philosopher,
Filling his solemn shore.

I cannot make the matter clear,
As your pellucid eyes,
But many a great philosopher,
Filling his solemn shore.

DEFINITION.

What's the soul, my learned love?
Indeed, I cannot say.
Perhaps 'tis like the fragment of
The distant Milky Way.

Or something like a perfect tune,
Or sweetest melody,
The pale bloom of the Northern rose,
Or breath of virgin fair.

But what is it? Alas, my dear,
I am not over-wise,
I cannot make the matter clear,
As your pellucid eyes.

ONLY A WOMAN'S HAIR.

How long I remained hidden I never knew,
As the time glided by, all my terror
gradually passed away, my conviction grew
and strengthened that Nerof had not won
the deep philosophy of the sage.

The moon rose; but her light did not
illumine the deep philosophy of the sage.
Nerof had selected forms, and, though I
could see the forms perfectly well,
the lights in his windows were so dimly
discerned, even if standing within a few
yards of me, so dimly that I could not
discern the forms perfectly well.

Everything was very still and peaceful on
that cold winter night, with the stars
sparkling down from their lofty heights
above.

"You were married,"
With white hair laden,
Whom thought the moon,
looked down on me with calm serene
I lay hidden.

At last I heard voices on the carriage
drive close to me, and I discerned two
figures approaching through the gloom.
Cyril now would have been in the house.
"Then you will meet me this week in
town, Nerof, and will appear up the
steps."

"All right, I will be there," I said.
"I'll be there," I said. "I'll be there,"
I said. "I'll be there," I said. "I'll be
there," I said. "I'll be there," I said.

Then one of them struck a match, and
they lit their pipes. Presently I heard
Cyril say:

"What was that? Something more
over there."
I could discern the dark outline of his
figure from where I lay, scarcely daring to
breathe; and I felt sure that he was looking
at me as he spoke. "Probably a rabbit or a peasant. I have
both in my plantation," I answered.

through my finger. Oh, look that I was
and now it is too late!"
There was a whole world of passion, regret,
and remorse in his voice, and I felt that
I was standing before him, and that
I was not alone.

Quite suddenly, and when I was not expect-
ing it, he said, "Nerof, I am not your
husband. I am not your husband. I am not
your husband. I am not your husband."

I turned away and dropped down upon
my knees, and I felt that I was not alone.
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The pathetic appeal of those words almost
broke my heart. There was despair in his
whole attitude. I could not go on longer.
I stepped up to him and I laid my hand
on his shoulder.

"You may go away for one week," I
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the two men stood and eyed each other
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glances. Instinctively I moved forward a
few steps, and I felt that I was not alone.

Cyril was the first to speak. He took my
hand. Mr. Nerof, I did not even look
towards him. He addressed himself point-
edly to me.

"Yes, it is quite true that I murdered
him," he said. "I murdered him. I murdered
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be content to return again to your old
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I gladly agreed to this arrangement; but,
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A Night in the Sun Office.

THE SYSTEM THAT STRUCK AN OUTSIDE NEWS-
PAPER MAN AS VERY INTERESTING.

(From the Louisville Post.)

The Sun newspaper is a small affair in
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Curious Old World in China.

THE PECULIAR CEREMONIAL BY WHICH EVIL
SPIRITS ARE CAST OUT.

(From the London Post.)

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ALL BORDS.

I saw some catnap on a string.

A fence rail at a shed,
A man who shot upon the wing,
A hat stand on a shelf.

To have the good about.

Practical Question.

Darling the humorist

Muses on a page.

Gladly expressing views

Subject for merriment

Smiles and grim;

It is his own, and he

Something like a

William Cost.

May he be a William Cost.

And he was black as jet.

He followed Mary just all day.

And he had her just all day.

He went with her to school one day.

The teacher kicked him out.

It made the children giggle, you know.

To have the good about.

But though old Whackem kicked him out.

Yet still he lingered near.

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STIRLING, - - ONT.

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TWO TRAINS SERVICE DAILY (SUNDAY EXCEPTED) BETWEEN PETERBORO AND BELLEVILLE.

Monday, Dec. 20th, 1880.

Trains will leave Ashburton and Belleville City at 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., and at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively, stopping en route at Peterboro and Belleville.

MAJOR BRANCH. Trains will leave Belleville at 10:30 a.m., arriving at 11:30 a.m. Belleville, will leave Belleville for Peterboro at 1:30 p.m., arriving at 2:30 p.m.

NOTE.—Trains will run by Belleville time, which is 14 minutes slower than Montreal time.

T. S. DETLOF, General Superintendent.

B. G. GILBERT, Dentist. Rooms in Nathan Jones' block, Front street, Belleville.

HOME MATTERS.

Miss Ida Wilson left Stirling on Saturday last to spend the holidays in Prince Edward.

Mr. J. B. Watson is said to be dangerously ill with inflammation of the bowels. He is at Essoit, in the vicinity of Brockville.

Dignified Triggs. Says Dign: "Who's your favorite for reeve?" Answers Triggs: "OUI! I love 'I have to vote for the doctor!"

A special meeting of the school board was held on Wednesday night, with all the members present but Mr. Williams. The secretary reported the result of the election. The issue of business will be given next week.

At the nominations for school trustees on Wednesday, Uriel Wright, H. W. Smith, and Dr. Parker were nominated to fill the vacancies. Dr. Parker declined to run, which left the last two elected by acclamation.

The C. M. congregation of Reed's church, west Huntington, held their annual tea-meeting on the 13th inst. A good array of speakers are expected to be present, and a successful time is looked for. Usual prices of admission.

A mid-night service will be held in St. John's church, this evening, commencing at eleven o'clock, to bid adieu to the old year and welcome the new. A thank-offering for past services will be taken up. The Rev. Messrs. Haines, of Campbellton, and Christie, of Madoc, will be present.

A large batch of local news is held over for want of room. Will be given next week.

Municipal Nominations.

There was not quite so much excitement over the nominations in Stirling this year as last, though a sharp contest is being fought, at least so far as the reevehip is concerned. As usual, things were quiet up to nomination day, the only excitement in the field being the two doctors, Faulkner and Parker, again for reeve. The attendance was also less than last year. At the usual hour, noon, the returning officer, F. B. Parker, called for nominations, when the following were made:

Fox Rieve.—Dr. Faulkner, nominated by R. P. Fidler and T. G. Clute.

Dr. Parker, by R. J. Craig and John Graham.

For Councillors.—James Mott, by Thos. M. Gowan and Geo. Hubble.

H. Warren, by Jas. Mott and R. J. Craig.

H. W. Smith, by A. Phillips and Dr. Faulkner.

Dr. Demarest, by Dr. Parker and J. T. Houston.

L. G. Baker, by H. W. Smith and Dr. Faulkner.

Jas. McKeen, by H. W. Smith and Dr. Faulkner.

Jas. Boldrick, by Thos. McKee and H. W. Smith.

Uriel Wright, by J. H. Houston and W. Gould.

John Graham, by R. J. Craig and H. W. Smith.

A. McConzby, by John Graham and John Langton.

Thos. McKee, by John Langton and Geo. Hubble.

Geo. Hubble, by Thos. McKee and R. J. Craig.

R. J. Craig, by John Graham and H. W. Smith.

W. S. Martin, by Thos. McKee and McConzby.

The nominations being now declared closed, the candidates were called upon for addresses.

Dr. Faulkner opened the ball by reading the financial statement for the year, showing the total receipts to have been \$3,775 67; expenditures \$2,887 64; balance in hand \$888. He then recited the manner in which the Grand Junction had interest, to the amount of \$2,400, was saved, already known to the readers. The corporation paid the expenses of the delegation to Toronto, \$63, and he thought it was money well expended. Referring to the village equalization, he said last year the village was rated at \$175,000, which he had reduced to \$100,000, had others placed been reduced, Stirling's reduction would have been greater; it should have been on a par with Madoc, but twenty-nine county councillors could not be made to think as you wanted them to. The taxes were not lower because the county had a debt of \$50,000 to pay on the purchase of gravel roads, while on most general items we had paid less than last year. On account of the fire, he got a grant of \$100, besides \$50 to be expended on the streets through the village. The volunteer company had also received \$50, to buy helmets, at an expense to the village of \$2. On the fire department, \$355 had been expended, and \$600 to the railway. Of every \$3 taxes, \$1 went to the county, and that was where the money should be looked after. There were 200 county bridges, and 200 miles of roads to look after. Last year we paid 1-6th of the county debts, while this year it had been 1-5th. The northern municipalities received \$2 for every \$1 paid in, and were the greatest leeches in the county.

Dr. Parker said the doctor took great praise for reducing the equalization, but on two different occasions Mr. C. Craig had done the same thing; even now we were \$20,000 or \$30,000 more than we should be, as compared with other places. The doctor had done all he could, no doubt, but his predecessors should have some credit. The northern municipalities got grants by voting for the others. The Grand Junction interest was saved by Dr. Boulter seeing Mr. Bickford's letter in THE NEWS-ARGUS at Toronto, and at once added a clause to the bill, then passing through the committee.

Mr. C. Craig was really at the bottom of the saving. The cemetery had not been cared for as it should by the out-going council. Why had the sidewalk not been extended on to Mr. Barrow's, instead of stopping at Mr. Martin's and Mr. McKee's? Because he was a poor man. The council had received the \$500 for a bonus to the elevator, and he would leave it to gentlemen present to judge if the best had been done with it.

During the nine years he had been in the council, he never appeared before the people without producing vouchers for every dollar expended. There was no voucher shown for the statement just read. He understood Dr. Faulkner to say last nomination that he did not get the equalization reduced \$40,000, he would not ask for re-election. That had been denied as a mistake, but he understood \$40,000 had been mentioned. Well had been gone, but he was not sure he had been mentioned. The great question could have been settled for \$1, but owing to dereliction on the part of the reeve, \$350 had been paid by the corporation. He claimed as much influence in the county council as any other man. A man should give independent, and not playing whip to every one of the southern municipalities.

The \$100 expended on the station road, he (Parker) had got, as it had lapsed through not having been used the year voted, and was revoked two years later. It was hard to say that any man voted by the county council was not gained by voting similar sums in other directions. He understood that thing well. He had always done his duty irrespective of favors, and making no (unpleasant) promises. He (Parker) had in advance all who would vote for him.

Dr. Faulkner replied, stating that some grumbling on the Marmona road, and a little fencing at the pond, was the aggregate of Dr. Parker's achievements. The \$100 at the station was simply the resuscitation of an old vote. He (Faulkner) had got \$400 in one year from the county, and if a year for ten years had could be shown where more than \$100 was obtained, he would ask no man to vote for him. Those living on back streets deserved sidewalks as well as those on Front streets. Why did not Dr. Parker in the fall try to stop grain from going through Stirling?

He (Faulkner) neglected his business to keep the grain trade at Stirling, and it was only because of the rise of barley that he had made money, which was not known to him in advance. Stirling was the only place except Huntington which had not been raised in equalization. Tyndensing had been reaped to the extent of one-third of its levy for five six years ago.

THE DUTY OF EVERY MAN

Should be to encourage home industries, to advance the welfare of his own locality, which must advance the value of his own property. Our interests in Stirling are identical with the interests of the community. It is our duty to encourage the tendency is to clamor for a foreign market, where they may buy *Shoddy Goods*, and try to make comparison with RELIABLE FRESH GOODS. If any one will take the trouble to inspect my goods, and consider quality, I don't hesitate to say they will be convinced they can do better with me, especially in Clothing and No. 1 Overcoats. I would say to any of my lady friends who wish to order a first class jacket, or cloth for one, to call and see me. I have made it a specialty to fill and winter. Cloth purchased will be free of charge, and a good style warranted.

JAS. BOLDRICK.

and it was therefore no new thing. Why did not Dr. Parker secure the \$100 for our fire the year they took place?

Mr. Robt. Craig asked if the money for Tyndensing had not gone to the sufferers? Here some of the sufferers rebuted, were now paying higher taxes than ever, and the corporation reaped the benefit of the \$100.

Dr. Faulkner.—You should have looked after that.

Mr. Smyth declined further municipal hours.

Thos. McKee had promised last year that he would run again when all the rest of the then candidates were dead. Two of them had since died, and at the same rate the field would soon be clear. He would let his name stand until he saw the complexion of his fellow candidates.

Mr. Boldrick thought either candidate for the reevehip might have his faults and his virtues, but it was poor policy to bring before intelligent voters a financial statement without a voucher. He would not impugn the honesty of the parties concerned, but would like to have the vouchers produced. Men should go to the council untrammelled with any promises or favorites. He resigned.

Thos. McKee resigned.

Geo. Hubble declared that John Graham had started in business in 1871, when his taxes were \$18. Now they were \$12, and where the difference went he could not tell. (Laughter.) He had a strong notion to run, but he wanted to see men there who would expend the money the most economically, and without any politics.

Walter Martin said the sidewalks up John street had been promised by the predecessors of the present council for five or six years, and this year they got it. So many for promises. He resigned.

COUNTY NOMINATIONS.

RAWDON.—An unusually large number of ratepayers were present. As usual, each of the candidates was called upon to air his eloquence. The first speaker was Mr. Thomas Walker, who on coming forward said, "I have come to address the electors, as he had never addressed an audience before, in the character and capacity of a 'jackass'." Mr. Walker is not a heaven born stage actor, and the miserable failure he made in this, his first appearance, as a "jackass" was more than compensated for by his admirable success in the capacity of reeve, and his appearance as a man worthy the confidence the electors placed in him by electing him by acclamation.

The other candidates followed, each laboring to show up a clean sheet, but there seemed to be a few present here to convince them the rest, and who came to the same conclusion the Ethiopian did when present at a similar meeting, viz., that "if all dem men hab to do deuff, what a peck ob dem dem rascals dey be." Nominations for deputy reeve—S. Vandervoort and P. Kings.

For councillors—Calvin Williams, James Cook, James Duncanson, John McConzby, James McKee, John Bateman.

BELLEVILLE.—For mayor, D. B. Robertson, R. S. Patterson.

MADOC VILLAGE.—O'Flynn, reeve, re-elected. Councillors—S. D. Ross, H. Dugan, Wm. Fuller, Dr. H. H. Sutton, old council, re-elected by acclamation.

MARIONA AND LAKE.—T. P. Pearce, reeve, by acclamation. Councillors—C. Clairmont, R. Campion, P. Maloney, J. Wilby, T. Hamilton, J. Richardson, E. Nihil and J. Outwater.

THURTON.—Mayor—S. D. Macaulay, Wm. Jeffs, Dr. H. Day, G. H. Gordon, W. H. Austin. Reeve—J. N. Lee, David Gilmore, Dr. R. Murphy, L. U. C. Titus, R. Weller. Deputy reeve—W. Shea, G. W. Ostrom, T. McCabe.

CAMPBELLFORD.—Reeve—J. M. Levesque, W. B. Acher, H. Ferris, D. Kennedy. Councillors—C. Gillespie, J. W. Turner, M. A. Hawley, J. Wood, A. T. Green, J. W. Byam, H. Williams, C. Nancarrow, C. F. Cady, R. Dismore.

SINKY.—For mayor, T. Wilson, by acclamation. First deputy reeve—Jas. Bird, Henry G. Biecker. Second deputy reeve—J. C. Ross, Bradley Mallory. Councillors—W. Quater, A. N. Denyes, Elias Ketcheson, Milton Bird.

TEKINDINGA.—Reeve—John White, M. P. Wm. McLaren. First deputy reeve—Donald Anderson, Samuel Osburn. Second deputy reeve—Michael Lally, Ous Carr.

THURLOW.—Mr. Ashley elected by acclamation. First deputy reeve—N. Vermorel, O. V. Wm. McLaren. Second deputy reeve—E. N. Gould, J. Harley.

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